

WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS

FOR SOUTH CENTRAL WISCONSIN COUNTIES

July 2005



Students and seasonal workers nudge unemployment rates up

In June, the unemployment rate in **Columbia County** increased 0.1%, which is perfectly normal. Among the seasonal workers and students join the labor force each June, at least some will take time to become employed. Nonetheless, the rate remained as far below its typical level as it was in May and was 0.6 percent lower than last June.

Dane County's unemployment rate rose a bit faster than usual for the third month in a row. Although still quite low compared to other counties' rates, this is as far above typical as Dane County's rate has been since last June. In the **Madison Metropolitan Statistical Area** (which includes Columbia, Dane and Iowa counties), the pro-

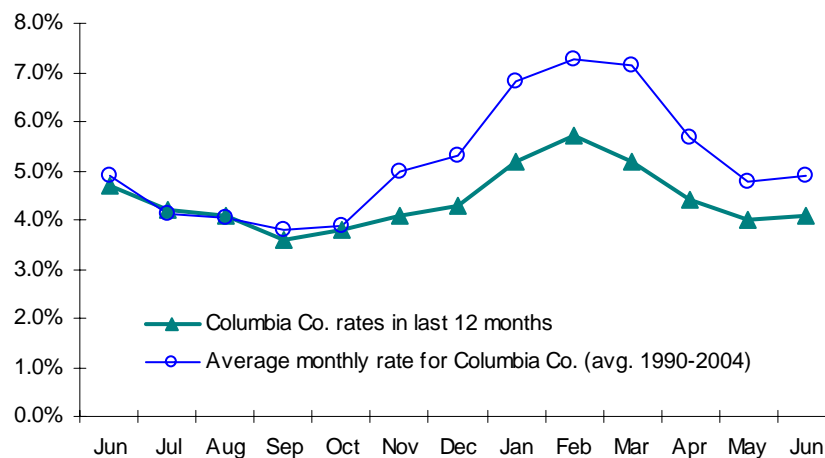
fessional & business services employment estimate has risen to its highest level of 2005 and remains above its year-ago level by as wide

estimate has been volatile lately, so this relatively recent encouraging sign is not yet firmly established.

The unemployment rate in **Dodge County** is a bit further above its typical level than it was in March or April, but roughly consistent with much of the winter and closer to typical than last summer or autumn. The information, professional,

business & other services employment estimate is higher than it has been at any point since it fell sharply in January of 2004. From last June through last December, it

Unemployment rates – not seasonally adjusted



a margin as at any point this year. The manufacturing employment estimate is higher than it has been at any point in the last 24 months. The manufacturing employment

Labor force estimates - not seasonally adjusted

| | Wisconsin | | | South Central | | | Columbia County | | | Dane County | | |
|------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Jun 2005 | 1-month change | 1-year change | Jun 2005 | 1-month change | 1-year change | Jun 2005 | 1-month change | 1-year change | Jun 2005 | 1-month change | 1-year change |
| Civilian Labor Force** | 3,092,900 | 60,500 | -24,300 | 457,500 | 11,500 | -1,860 | 31,700 | 580 | -130 | 289,500 | 6,000 | 190 |
| Employed | 2,944,500 | 50,800 | -11,500 | 439,900 | 9,600 | -500 | 30,400 | 510 | 60 | 279,400 | 4,700 | 520 |
| Unemployed | 148,400 | 9,700 | -12,900 | 17,600 | 1,900 | -1,370 | 1,310 | 70 | -190 | 10,000 | 1,270 | -330 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.8% | 0.2% | -0.4% | 3.8% | 0.3% | -0.3% | 4.1% | 0.1% | -0.6% | 3.5% | 0.4% | -0.1% |
| | Dodge County | | | Jefferson County | | | Marquette County | | | Sauk County | | |
| | Jun 2005 | 1-month change | 1-year change | Jun 2005 | 1-month change | 1-year change | Jun 2005 | 1-month change | 1-year change | Jun 2005 | 1-month change | 1-year change |
| Civilian Labor Force** | 47,600 | 1,340 | -790 | 43,800 | 1,130 | -1,240 | 8,000 | 50 | -130 | 36,900 | 2,400 | 240 |
| Employed | 45,200 | 990 | -550 | 41,900 | 1,000 | -760 | 7,600 | 50 | -60 | 35,400 | 2,300 | 300 |
| Unemployed | 2,400 | 350 | -250 | 1,910 | 130 | -490 | 450 | 0 | -70 | 1,450 | 70 | -50 |
| Unemployment rate | 5.1% | 0.6% | -0.4% | 4.4% | 0.2% | -0.9% | 5.6% | 0.0% | -0.7% | 3.9% | -0.1% | -0.2% |

** Includes labor force participants residing in area. Estimates are **NOT** seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary and subject to revision. Numbers 2,000 and greater are rounded to nearest 100. Numbers under 2,000 are rounded to nearest 10. Sub-units may not add to totals due to rounding. Calculations are based on unrounded numbers. Results are rounded. For more information call (608) 242-4885 or email dan.barroilhet@dwd.state.wi.us.

was below year-ago levels; only in the last three months has it been solidly above year-ago levels. The leisure & hospitality employment estimate has been below its year-ago level since December, but its general seasonal trend is fairly normal.

Jefferson

County's unemployment rate rose more slowly than usual in June, leaving the rate closer to its typical level than it has been at any point in the last 12 months except in April. The employment estimate for information, professional, business & other services remains well above its year-ago level, but less so than at any point in the last 12 months. The retail & wholesale trade employment estimate is as high and as far above year-ago levels as it has been at any point in the last 12 months.

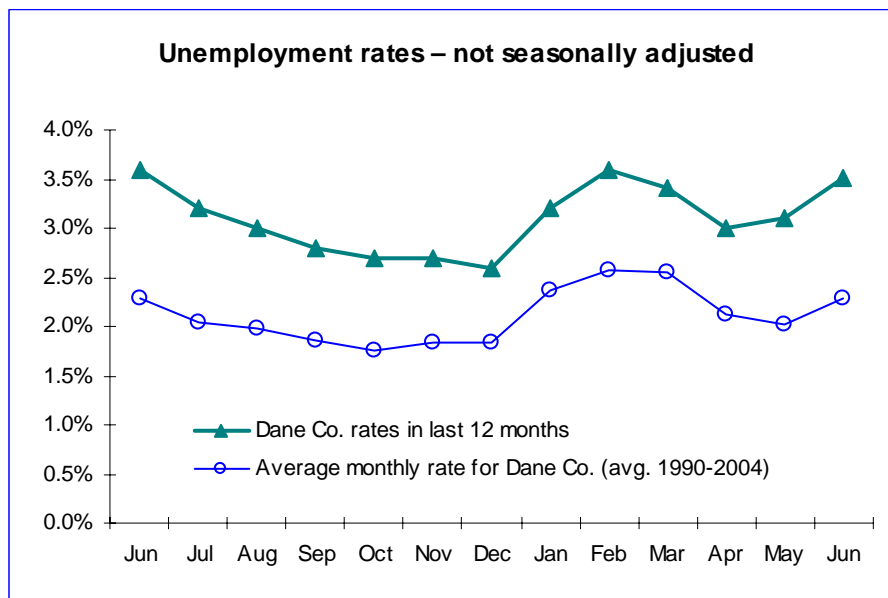
In **Marquette County**, the unemployment rate remains below its typical level, but May and June rates were not as far below normal as November through April rates were. The construction employment estimate remains below its year-ago level,

but May and June estimates were not as far below year-ago levels as the previous ten months had been. Between June 2003 and June 2004, the information, professional, business & other services employment estimate increased roughly 90 jobs or 27

percent; between June 2004 and June 2005 it increased about 20 jobs or 6 percent.

From November through April, **Sauk County's** unemployment rate was below its typical levels while May and June rates were slightly above typical. Between June 2004 and June 2005, the total employment estimate has grown roughly 1,240 jobs or 3.1 percent. The leisure & hospitality employment estimate has added roughly 610 jobs, or 6.3 percent.

This means that leisure & hospitality accounts for nearly half of all jobs added in the last 12 months. The construction employment estimate is as high as it has been at any point in the last 12 months and it is as far above its year-ago level as it has been in the last 12 months.



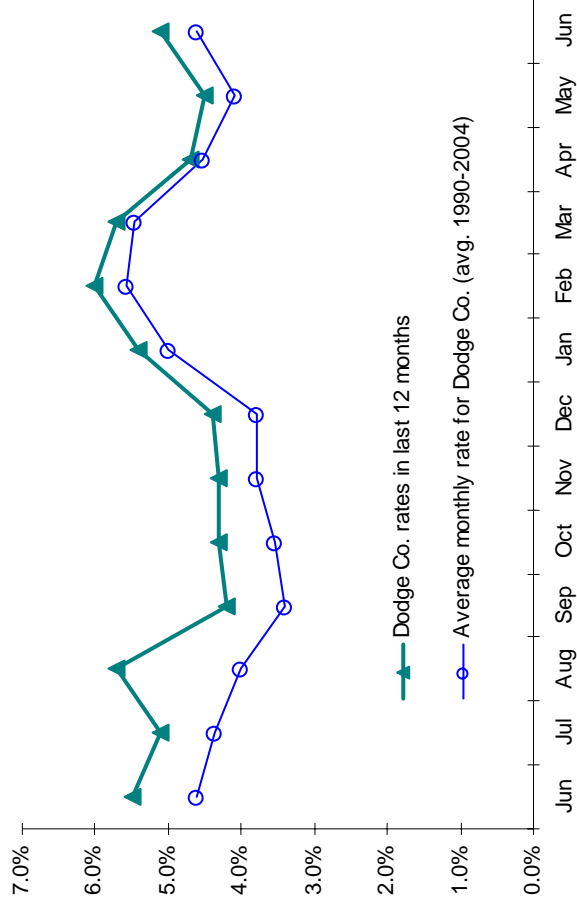
| Employment by industry estimates - not seasonally adjusted | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Wisconsin | | | Madison MSA | | | Dodge County | | |
| | Jun 2005 | 1-month change | 1-year change | Jun 2005 | 1-month change | 1-year change | Jun 2005 | 1-month change | 1-year change |
| Total jobs, all industries* | 2,874,700 | 30,100 | 26,700 | 342,900 | 2,800 | 4,900 | 35,100 | 480 | 70 |
| Const., min'g & nat. resources | 147,300 | 8,900 | 7,800 | 16,800 | 300 | - 1,000 | 2,400 | 100 | - 10 |
| Manufacturing | 508,300 | 7,300 | 1,700 | 32,800 | 1,000 | 300 | 10,400 | 50 | - 140 |
| Trade (w/wholesale & retail) | 437,400 | 6,300 | 2,200 | 50,500 | 100 | - 1,200 | 4,600 | 0 | 290 |
| Transport, Whrsing, Utilities | 108,600 | - 900 | 200 | 8,600 | 0 | 0 | 910 | 0 | - 20 |
| Financial activities | 159,700 | 1,600 | 0 | 28,200 | 200 | 100 | 840 | 10 | 0 |
| Education & health services | 379,600 | - 4,600 | 4,100 | 35,000 | 100 | 1,300 | 4,300 | 30 | 50 |
| Leisure & hospitality | 271,400 | 10,300 | 5,600 | 30,200 | 1,500 | 500 | 2,600 | 100 | - 50 |
| Info, prof, bus. & other srvc | 446,200 | 8,600 | 3,500 | 61,000 | 600 | 3,200 | 3,500 | 130 | 70 |
| Government | 416,200 | - 7,400 | 1,600 | 79,800 | - 1,000 | 1,700 | 5,500 | 60 | - 120 |
| | Jefferson County | | | Marquette County | | | Sauk County | | |
| | Jun 2005 | 1-month change | 1-year change | Jun 2005 | 1-month change | 1-year change | Jun 2005 | 1-month change | 1-year change |
| Total jobs, all industries* | 37,700 | 770 | - 280 | 4,100 | - 70 | - 10 | 40,200 | 2,800 | 1,240 |
| Const., min'g & nat. resources | 1,750 | 80 | 100 | 230 | 30 | - 20 | 2,500 | 150 | 90 |
| Manufacturing | 9,600 | 10 | - 450 | 1,240 | 0 | 0 | 6,800 | 180 | 70 |
| Trade (w/wholesale & retail) | 6,500 | 370 | 170 | 480 | 10 | 0 | 6,300 | 60 | - 120 |
| Transport, Whrsing, Utilities | 1,210 | 10 | 0 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 740 | 30 | - 20 |
| Financial activities | 1,020 | 0 | 20 | 140 | 0 | 10 | 1,960 | 70 | 240 |
| Education & health services | 4,500 | 30 | - 10 | 350 | 10 | 10 | 3,500 | 20 | 70 |
| Leisure & hospitality | 3,400 | 40 | - 80 | 530 | 30 | 10 | 9,700 | 2,000 | 610 |
| Info, prof, bus. & other srvc | 5,700 | 80 | 210 | 350 | 10 | 20 | 3,100 | 0 | - 90 |
| Government | 4,100 | 160 | - 240 | 680 | - 150 | - 50 | 5,700 | 230 | 390 |

*Includes jobs with employers in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted. Current month estimates are preliminary and subject to revision.

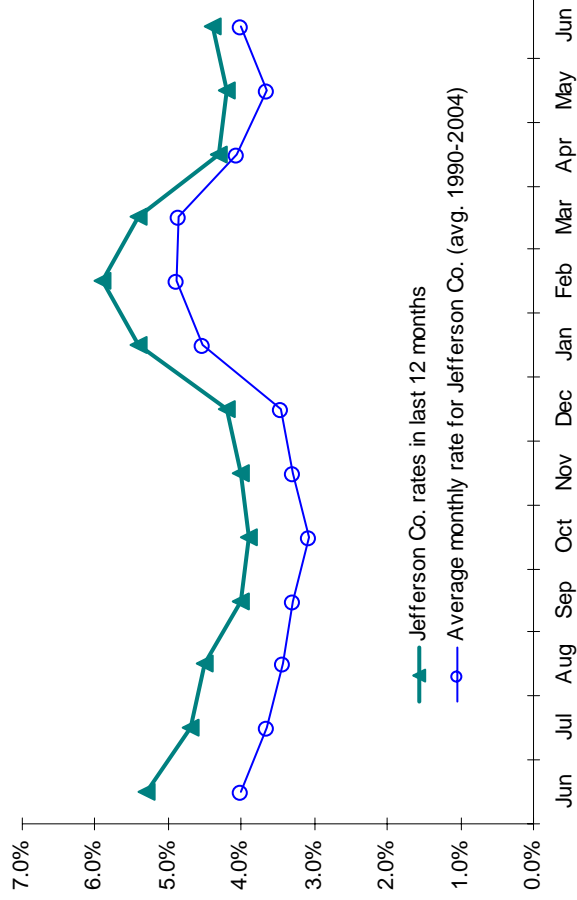
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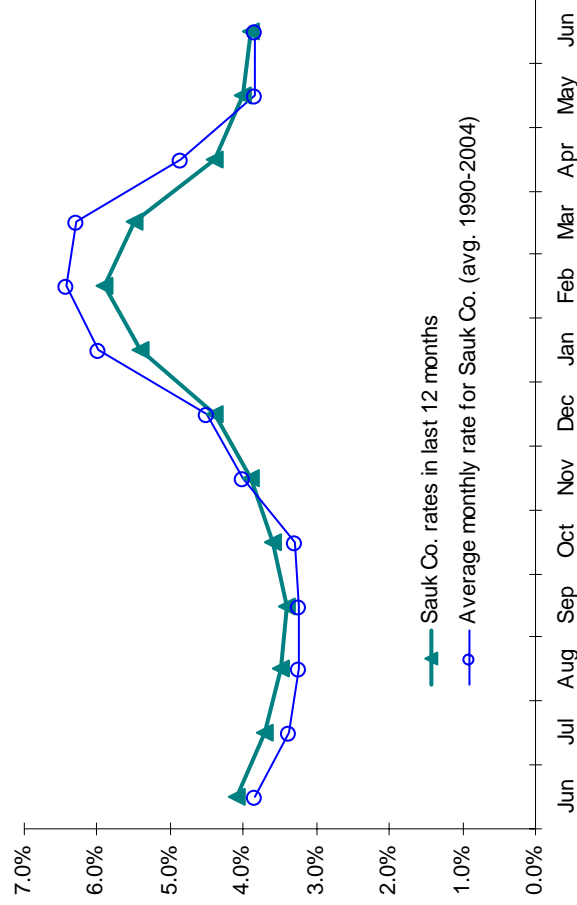
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